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FROM LOS DEL

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SUBJECT: LOS: SITE OF ANY FOLLOW-ON LOS MEETINGS

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1. THE SECRETARY, IN HIS APRIL 8 ADDRESS HAS PUBLICLY CALLED FOR COMPLETION OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR. HE SAID, "THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT IF THE PRESENT SESSION DOES NOT COMPLETE ITS WORK, ANOTHER-AND FINAL--SESSION SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED THIS SUMMER." HE ALSO SAID, "IF A SECOND SESSION IS NECESSARY THIS YEAR TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, LET US MAKE THAT SESSION THE FINAL ONE. TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE THE PRESIDENT ATTACHES TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS HE HAS ASKED ME TO LEAD THE
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UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THAT SESSION."

2. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE TOLD US THAT TIME PERIOD OF 19 JULY TO 17 SEPT IN GENEVA IS AVAILABLE FOR SECOND SESSION. THERE IS TALK OF A SIX WEEK SESSION WITHIN THAT PERIOD.

3. USDEL WOULD NOTE VERY STRONG NEGATIVE REACTIONS OF COASTAL STATES TO OFFENSIVE ON ECONOMIC ZONE BY "GROUP OF LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES," FORMALLY COMPRISED OF 49 STATES. GROUP IS LED BY AUSTRIA, AND HAS INVOLVED AUSTRIAN DEL IN A NUMBER OF BITTER DEBATES WITH COASTAL STATES. SINCE THIS IS NO ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES DIVIDING THE CONFERENDE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD AFFECT ATTITUDES OF COASTAL STATES TOWARD VIENNA AS A SITE, PARTICULARLY TO WRAP UP THE TREATY (DESPITE LIKELY FORMAL SIGNING IN CARASCAS). IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT DISCUSSION OF VIENNA, AND REACTION TO IT, COULD REDUCE CHANCES OF CONFERENCE CALLING A SECOND SESSION.
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